



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

MINUTES August 16, 2010

The Environmental Quality Affairs Committee held at the City of Newport Beach Police Department Auditorium, 870 Santa Barbara Drive, on **Monday, August 16, 2010**.

Members Present:

X	Nancy Gardner, Council Member	X	Laura Meier
X	Michael Henn, Council Member	X	Jay Myers
X	Arlene Greer, Chair	E	Kevin Nolen
X	Michael Alti	X	Joan Penfil
E	Bruce Asper	X	Ed Reno
X	Laura Curran	X	Nick Roussos
X	Kathy Harrison	X	Debra Stevens
E	Sandra Haskell	E	Timothy Stoaks
E	Kimberly Jameson	E	Barbara Thibault
X	Kevin Kelly	X	Merritt Van Sant
X	Vincent Lepore		
X	Charles McKenna		

Staff Representatives:

Guests:

X	James Campbell, Principal Planner	
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Chairperson Greer called the meeting to order at 7:05PM

1. Minutes of April 29, 2010

Motion to approve the draft minutes as presented by staff passed unanimously.

2. Minutes of June 21, 2010

Motion to approve the draft minutes as presented by staff passed unanimously.

3. Smoking Regulations

The Committee reviewed the report previously prepared by Barbara Thibault and the materials submitted by the guest speakers from the June EQAC meeting. A general discussion occurred regarding the potential scope of a possible smoking ban. Concerns regarding enforcement were expressed. An opinion was voiced that a ban based solely upon health concerns was not necessarily supported. Smoking near open

space areas may also increase the risk of fire. The Committee concluded that a ban of smoking within municipal parks and open spaces where smoking could be a possible fire safety risk may be appropriate. It was believed that such a ban would not have a negative economic impact. The Committee requested staff to bring a policy statement back at the next meeting for consideration.

4. Coastal/Bay Water Quality Committee Representatives' Report

Council Member Gardner provided an oral report on water supply and a tour of the Big Canyon reservoir.

5. Economic Development Committee Representative's Report

Chairperson Greer indicated that there was no meeting of the EDC in August.

6. Report from Staff on Current Projects

Staff reported that the EIR for the Banning Ranch project is still being prepared and has not been completed. The need for EQAC review is not expected until October or November and staff will provide an update at future meetings.

7. Public Comments

None

8. Future Agenda Items

None

9. Adjournment

Chairperson Greer adjourned the meeting at 8:25PM to the next regularly scheduled meeting of September 20, 2010.